

§ 80.552

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(i) The ability to delay compliance under § 80.554(a) or (b), or to generate NRLM diesel sulfur credits under § 80.535(b) or (d), pursuant to the provisions of § 80.554(c); or

(ii) An adjustment to its small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under § 80.240(a), pursuant to the provisions of § 80.554(d).

(6) A letter signed by the president, chief operating or chief executive officer of the company, or his/her designee, stating that the information contained in the application is true to the best of his/her knowledge.

(7) Name, address, phone number, facsimile number and e-mail address (if available) of a corporate contact person.

(d) For joint ventures, the total number of employees includes the combined employee count of all corporate entities in the venture.

(e) For government-owned refiners, the total employee count includes all government employees.

(f) Approval of small refiner status for refiners who apply under § 80.550(d) will be based on all information submitted under paragraph (c) of this section, except as provided in § 80.550(e).

(g) EPA will notify a refiner of approval or disapproval of small refiner status by letter. If disapproved, the refiner must comply with the sulfur standards in § 80.510 or 80.520, as appropriate, except as otherwise provided in this subpart.

(h) If EPA finds that a refiner provided false or inaccurate information on its application for small refiner status, upon notice from EPA the refiner's small refiner status will be void *ab initio*.

(i) Upon notification to EPA, an approved small refiner may withdraw its status as a small refiner. Effective on January 1 of the year following such notification, the small refiner will become subject to the sulfur standards in § 80.510 or 80.520, as appropriate, unless one of the other hardship provisions of this subpart apply.

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§ 80.552 What compliance options are available to motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiners?

(a) A refiner that has been approved by EPA as a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.551(g) may produce motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard pursuant to the provisions of § 80.530, except that the volume limits of § 80.530(a)(3) shall only apply to that volume of diesel fuel that is produced or imported during an annual compliance period that exceeds 105 percent of the baseline volume established under § 80.595 (V_{500}). The annual compliance period shall be from July 1 through June 30. For the year 2006, the compliance period shall be from June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, and the volume limits shall only apply to that volume V_{500} that exceeds 113 percent of the baseline volume.

(b) A refiner that has been approved by EPA as a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.551(g) may generate motor vehicle diesel fuel credits pursuant to the provisions of § 80.531, except that for purposes of § 80.531(a), the term "Credit" shall equal V_{15} , without further adjustment.

(c) A refiner that has been approved by EPA as a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner under § 80.551(g) may apply for an extension of the duration of its small refiner gasoline sulfur standards pursuant to § 80.553.

(d) A refiner that produces motor vehicle diesel fuel under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section or generates credits under the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section may not receive an extension of its small refiner gasoline sulfur standard under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section. A refiner that receives an extension of its small refiner gasoline sulfur standard under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section may not produce motor vehicle diesel fuel under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section and may not generate credits under the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) The provisions of this section shall apply separately for each refinery

owned or operated by a motor vehicle diesel fuel small refiner.

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§ 80.553 Under what conditions may the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards be extended for a small refiner of motor vehicle diesel fuel?

(a) A refiner that has been approved by EPA for small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under § 80.240 may apply, under § 80.551, for an extension of the duration of its small refiner gasoline sulfur standards through the calendar year 2010 annual averaging period.

(b) As part of its application, the refiner must submit an application for a motor vehicle diesel fuel baseline in accordance with the provisions of §§ 80.595 and 80.596. The application must also include information, as provided in § 80.594, demonstrating that starting no later than June 1, 2006, 95 percent of the motor vehicle diesel fuel produced by the refiner will comply with the 15 ppm sulfur content standard under § 80.520(a)(1), and that the volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel produced will comply with the volume requirements of paragraph (e) of this section.

(c) The Administrator may approve an application for extension of the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards if the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section and §§ 80.595 and 80.596 are satisfied. In approving an application for extension, the Administrator shall establish a motor vehicle diesel fuel volume baseline under §§ 80.595 and 80.596.

(d) Beginning June 1, 2006, and continuing through December 31, 2010, 95 percent of the motor vehicle diesel fuel produced by a refiner that has received an extension of its small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under this section must be accurately designated under § 80.598 as meeting the 15 ppm sulfur content standard under § 80.520(a)(1).

(e) The total volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel produced for use in the United States and designated as meeting the 15 ppm sulfur content standard under paragraph (d) of this section must meet or exceed 85 percent of the baseline volume established under paragraph (c) of this section, except that for the first compliance period

from June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the total volume must meet or exceed 92 percent of the baseline volume.

(f) Compliance with the volume requirements in paragraph (e) of this section shall be determined each compliance period. Annual compliance periods shall be from July 1 through June 30. For the year 2006, the compliance period shall be from June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and for the year 2009 the compliance period shall be from July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

(g) If a refiner fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d) of this section, or if approval of the application, including the baseline, was based on false or inaccurate information, the extension of the applicable small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under this section shall be void ab initio, and all gasoline produced by the refinery must meet the gasoline sulfur standards under subpart H of this Part as if there had been no extension of the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards.

(h) If for any compliance period a refiner fails to meet the volume requirements in paragraph (e) of this section, the extension of the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards shall be void for that compliance period and for all succeeding compliance periods and all gasoline produced by the refinery must meet the gasoline sulfur standards under subpart H of this part as if there had been no extension of the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under this section for such compliance periods.

(i) A refiner that is approved for an extension of the interim small refiner gasoline sulfur standards under this section must meet all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements of §§ 80.592, 80.593, and 80.594, and shall meet all the recordkeeping and reporting requirements under §§ 80.210, 80.365 and 80.370. Any foreign refiner shall meet all additional requirements under §§ 80.620 and 80.410.

(j) A refiner approved for the small refiner gasoline sulfur standards extension under this section may not generate or use credits under § 80.531(a) or (e), or § 80.532.

(k) A refiner may petition the Administrator to vacate an extension of